

November 19, 2014
8:35 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present were Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Fred Springsteen, Jennie Scarborough, Alisha Kern, Paul Stangeland, and Mark Saelens, City Council Liaison. Absent: Ed Simon, Kevin Greenwood.

Staff/Guests Present were Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva.

Public Comment

None.

Action Items

MOTION was made by Steinberg to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting. Scarborough seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Director's Report

Protiva gave an update on the proposed bike pump track, noting that there had been some opposition to it from neighbors who live near Coast Park, the proposed location, and noting that the volunteer group had backed off on the idea because of the conflict. Saelens said that he was disappointed that a consensus could not be reached and the project would not be going forward. Stangeland stated that he thought finding a different location would make sense and there were several options in the area. Protiva said that several places were being scouted as possible sites. Springsteen said that the user age groups needed to be taken into consideration, and that perhaps it would be possible to find an indoor location for the younger users.

Protiva reported that the Council had approved fee increases for the Pool and Recreation Center which would go into effect on January 1, 2015. Protiva mentioned that part of this exercise was to start bringing the Pool and Rec. Center fee structure together in preparation for the new pool.

Saelens reported that through the joint meeting with the Bike-Ped committee, there had been several requests made; one was to have a bike rack installed at the Nye Beach Turnaround and they will now be asking Public Works if they can proceed with the project. The Bike-Ped group also asked about installing lights in the tunnel at Agate Beach State Park and if the City would be able to make the request or discuss the possibility with the State Parks Department. There was also the request for installation of a cross-walk by Ossie's Surf Shop across from Agate Beach Wayside, and a request for a doggy-bag station on Big Creek Trail. Protiva stated that they could install the doggy-bag station fairly easily and he would proceed with the request. Saelens added that Bike-Ped Committee had mentioned the Monterey Cyprus tree at Aquarium Village and other significant trees in Newport and that they might want to develop a map or some other document regarding noteworthy trees in the area. Steinberg noted that Tree City USA encourages communities to have a Tree Heritage Program and this idea would fit right in with it.

Protiva noted that he had handed out the Parks and Recreation monthly report for October.

Sub-Committee Comments

Municipal Pool: Smith noted that she was in the process of contacting other municipal pool facilities with therapy pools to find out what worked well for them and what didn't. Protiva noted that the pool project group was in the process of reviewing the proposed costs and how to keep the project within the budget while providing the facility that voters approved.

Tree City USA: Steinberg reported that she was working on the renewal application for Tree City USA status. She added that part of the renewal requirement was to plant a tree, which would be accomplished through a short ceremony at Literacy Park after the December Parks & Rec. Committee meeting.

Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events: None.

Foundation: Springsteen reported that the Foundation currently has \$1100 in its account, and they would be having their annual meeting in January.

Parks, Trails & Forests:

Saelens noted that he had started researching the cost and process for a formal management plan for Forest Park. He added that there is a possibility for funding of the plan through other entities.

Protiva mentioned that he had discussed the "smoking in parks" issue with the City Manager, who has now tasked the Parks and Rec. Committee with coming up with a position or concept on the issue. Protiva added that the Committee could add to, or modify the City's existing ordinance which regulates smoking in public areas. The Committee asked that this topic be placed on the next agenda.

Develop Next Agenda

Smoking in Parks, Potential Pump Track Locations, Management Plan for Forest Park

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2014.

Adjournment

Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.